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Hello, my name is Michael J Cole. I live in San Francisco and I would like to comment on the proposed antitrust settlement.

I am against the settlement for many reasons.

Mostly I am against the settlement because for the settlement to be effective, it requires large amounts of good faith on the part of Microsoft. This is an unreasonable assumption based on Microsoft's past and present actions and the failure of the settlement will cause an unfair burden on the american public.

In addition, there is no punishment for Microsoft's past behavior. I find this amazing and can't begin to understand what political and economic power it would take to have such a HUGE violator of anti-trust laws have NO punishment actions taken against them.

In closing, I think the settlement will be ineffectual in stopping Microsoft's monopoly. They will just change how they operate their monopoly. In the end it will cause more harm to the american public because Microsoft will be able to comply with the settlement and say "Look, I can't be a monopoly, the court says so!"

Best regards and good luck in this difficult action,

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